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Now is the time for the “Gold Rush” at Chez Matilde



Theo Wouters presents the first of the 2010 crop to Linda



Elvis and Monrick sample some of the fine vintages



Mahi-mahi ceviche with avocado cream and tobiko caviar



Bombe of smoked duck breast with truffle dressing and duck liver curls

Aruba's asparagus season officially began with a ceremonial delivery of the first harvest to

of the white asparagus, is now available for a very limited time. Linda reports that aside

Chez Matilde's Executive Chef Linda Pool on Friday, May 21. The elegant Oranjestad eatery, one of the most famous on the island for their AAA 4-star Diamond rating, always greets landmark moments with finesse, and the arrival by Theo Wouters of Deli Caribbean to hand over a batch of the popular vegetable labeled “White Gold” by connoisseurs, was no exception.

Arriving by horse-drawn carriage, Theo handed over the treasured delivery, which will be the centerpiece or garnish of a number of recipes Linda has devised for the short season, usually over by the end of June. A selection of hot and cold appetizers and entrees, which showcase the delicate and unique flavor

from the traditional Dutch style, served with Farmer's Ham, chopped eggs, melted butter and nutmeg, and her annual creamy soup, the ten other dishes featured on the special menu are completely new.

Those attending the official opening had the opportunity to sample the Bombe of Smoked Duck Breast with Truffle Dressing, Skate Wing in Shallot Butter Sauce, and Slow Cooked Veal with Tarragon Sauce, which Linda has invented to complement the asparagus. An appealing glimpse was offered of the Salmon Fillet with Hollandaise Mustard Sauce, Crepinette of Lamb with Grilled Pepper and the Ceviche of Mahi-Mahi with Avocado Cream and Tobiko Caviar. All rated her creations as top notch.

Monrick Croes of Aruba Trading Company explained the process by which he chose the various wines that are offered on the menu and the aspects of the various dishes that would be best enhanced by his selections. They included vintages from wineries around the world; diners that may be confused as to what to order to optimize their enjoyment of the delectable dishes offered will welcome his guidance.

Chez Matilde will feature this special menu while supplies of “White Gold” are at



Salmon with Hollandaise herb mustard sauce

their peak for lunch and dinner daily; closed on Sundays. They invite all to come and see what the fuss is all about!

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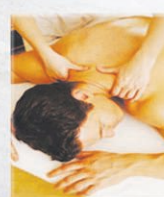
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U.S. government slams BP for missed deadlines on spill

VENICE/HOUSTON — The U.S. government threatened to remove BP from efforts to seal a blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico if it doesn't do enough to stop the leak, though it acknowledged only the company and the oil industry have the know-how to halt the deep-water spill.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said yesterday Washington is frustrated and angry that BP Plc missed "deadline after deadline" in its efforts to seal the well more than a month after an oil rig explosion triggered the disaster.

"I am angry and I am frustrated that BP has been unable to stop this oil from leaking and to stop the pollution from spreading. We are 33 days into this effort and deadline after deadline has been missed," Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said after visiting BP's U.S. headquarters in Houston.

"If we find they're not doing what they're supposed to be doing, we'll push them out of the way appropriately," he said

as the administration maintained its hard line.

Salazar's strongly worded comments followed President Barack Obama's on Saturday, when he blamed the spill on "a breakdown of responsibility" at BP. The unfolding disaster has become a top priority on Obama's crowded domestic agenda.

The chief of the Coast Guard, Admiral Thad Allen, acknowledged yesterday that the government is forced to rely on BP and the private oil sector to try to plug the gusher. At the same time, BP said the containment method it was attempting on the ocean floor was capturing much less of the leaking oil than three days ago.

Company engineers were readying other short-term solutions, the next one expected to start late tomorrow. But BP Managing Director Bob Dudley said there was "no certainty" of success at the unprecedented depths at which they were being tried -- one mile down in the Gulf of Mexico.

Yemeni cleric advocates killing US civilians

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An American-Yemeni cleric whose Internet sermons are believed to have helped inspire attacks on the U.S. has advocated the killing of American civilians in an al-Qaida video released yesterday.

Anwar al-Awlaki has been singled out by U.S. officials as a key terrorist threat and has been added to the CIA's list of targets for assassination despite his American citizenship. He is of particular concern because he is one of the few English-speaking radical clerics able to explain to young Muslims in America and other Western countries the philosophy of violent jihad.

The U.S.-born al-Awlaki

moved to Yemen in 2004 and is in hiding there after being linked to the suspects in the November shooting at an Army base in Fort Hood, Texas, and the December attempt to blow up a U.S. jetliner bound for Detroit.

"Those who might be killed in a plane are merely a drop of water in a sea," he said in the video in response to a question about Muslim groups that disapproved of the airliner plot because it targeted civilians.

Al-Awlaki used the 45-minute video to justify civilian deaths — and encourage them — by accusing the United States of intentionally killing a million Muslim civilians in Iraq, Afghanistan and else-

where.

American civilians are to blame, he said, because "the American people, in general, are taking part in this and they elected this administration and they are financing the war."

He added that the Prophet Muhammad also sent forces into battles that claimed civilian lives.

The video was produced by the media arm of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, though the exact nature of al-Awlaki's ties with the group and possible direct role in it are unclear.

The U.S. says he is an active participant in the group, though members of his tribe have denied that.

Black box found after fiery India plane crash

MANGALORE, India (AP) — As crash investigators pulled the black box from the charred, twisted wreckage of an Air India plane yesterday, Koolikkunnu Krishnan marveled that he escaped the crash alive. Of the 166 passengers and crew aboard when the plane overshot a hilltop runway and plunged over a cliff at dawn Saturday, 158 were dead. Krishnan and just seven others survived.

"I've been thinking, 'Why me? Why me?' And I can only think that God wanted to give me a second life," he said from his hospital bed in Mangalore.

Investigators and aviation officials combed through the wreckage of the Boeing 737-800 strewn across a hillside to try to determine the cause of India's worst air disaster in more than a decade. They recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder, which they hope will give them important clues, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

A four-member U.S. forensic team also arrived in India to help in the investigation, said Harpreet Singh, an Air India spokeswoman.

By yesterday evening, 146 of the 158 bodies had been identified and were being handed to grieving relatives for burial, said Arvind Jadhav, Air India's chairman and managing director.

The cause of the crash was not clear and government officials declined to speak about the status of the investigation or any possible causes of the crash. The black box would be sent to New Delhi today for decoding and further investigation, they said.

The flight from Dubai to Mangalore carried many of the millions of Indians who work as cheap labor in the Middle East back to their families for a rare visit during India's summer holiday season.

After the plane touched down at Mangalore's Bajpe airport, everything seemed to be fine, he said, but within seconds there was a shudder, the aircraft began swinging from side to side as if it had hit something and then it crashed, he said.

The plane had broken apart, a fire had started and smoke was beginning to fill the aircraft, he said. Everyone was strapped into their seats.

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Aruban Tourism Retrospect: Talk of the Town Resort

by Rosalie Klein



Chaven Charlie Neme and family



The 'Strand Hotel' in 1943 today: **The Talk of the Town Hotel**

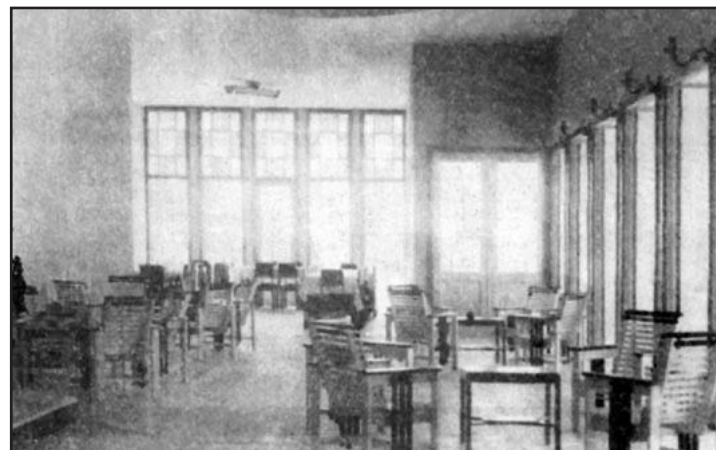
Last year, Aruba's tourism entities, the Aruba Tourism Authority and the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, sponsored a golden anniversary celebration and retrospect of the island's tourism industry. A number of individuals were honored at a gala dinner for their landmark contributions to this central pillar of

Aruba's economy, two of them posthumously, Chaven Nemy and Ike Cohen.

Though much has been made of the development of Palm Beach as the inception of tourism as an economic factor in the island's development, some feel it was truly inaugurated in 1943 with the opening of the Strand Hotel in Oranje-

stad, better known as The Talk of the Town.

Randall Croes, an amateur historian of Aruba's tourism and partner in the resort since 2004, considers Chaven Nemy a true visionary, not only for establishing the first authentic resort on Aruba, in town, but also the first on Palm Beach in 1957, the Basi Ruti, where the



Strand dining room just prior to opening day, 1943



The original lobby on opening day

Playa Linda now stands.

"When The Strand opened in 1943, it was the biggest party the island had ever seen," Randall recounts, "500 people attended, which was 1.5% of the population at the time; like having a party with over 1500 today. Padu Lampe performed in concert on the piano along with Antonio Nemycek, and everyone was dressed in gowns and tuxedos. It was a huge and historic event."

The original resort had only seven rooms, but being the first such facility with a swimming pool, ocean view, bar and restaurant made it a social center and favorite with islanders. Service organizations such as the Rotary and Kiwanis adopted it for meetings and gala events, as it was the first venue to offer conference rooms and catering services. "Neme had in mind the many visiting executives from Lago

refinery who came to do business here, hence this central location," Randall comments, "the resort was built in record time and had the strong support of the Lt. Governor, Isaac Wagemaker. It is rumored that Princess Juliana stayed here in 1955 and Queen Beatrix watched the 1987 Lighting Parade from our terrace."

Remarkably, the beaches along Oranjestad did not yet exist when the resort opened, though it did offer an ocean view from the bar and restaurant patio. It wasn't until 1948 that the Oranjestad harbor was constructed and completed in 1951.

The dredged sand was used to create the beaches that line L.G. Smith Boulevard in town, and most of the street and waterfront, which had not existed previously.

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Expansion of the resort in 1964





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Cactus



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Mrs. Marie-Christien Croes is the happy winner of Coffee House



Recently, Coffee House handed Mrs. Marie-Christien Croes her Mother's Day prize, a basket full of Smit & Dorlas products. Now Marie-Christien can enjoy all the different products this famous coffee brand has to offer.

All mothers who visited Coffee House received a ticket to fill in to participate in the Mother's Day raffle. In a record of time the barrel was full; Coffee House's faithful clients did not want to miss the opportunity to win the basket. Recently the lucky winner was picked out and she resulted to

be Marie-Christien.

Coffee House is situated in front of the Imelda kindergarten and is the ideal place to meet people, eat a sandwich and enjoy delicious coffee and cake. There is a wide variety of Smit & Dorlas products to try out. Patrons can sit in- or outdoors. It is the perfect place to relax.

Photo shows Coffee House Supervisor Jilliane Nicolaas-Wernet presenting Marie-Christien her basket full of Smit and Dorlas products.

Congratulations Marie-Christien.

There is no way to talk about Aruba's cunucu without talking about cactus. We have so many kinds, and most people think of the tall pipe-like stems of the cadushi, when they talk about cactus, but even those have many, many different kinds. One very special one is the "Dama di Anochi"- "Lady of the Night," as the beautiful white flowers only open when it is dark.

From the tall cactus we used to harvest the inner folds and a part of the plant we would peel away-it is called "Breba." We would dry it in the sun and use in fish soup when we couldn't afford to buy yambo- okra. It has a very similar consistency when cooked, and is supposed to be good for the digestion.

Also from the cadushi and the tuna cactus we can find a nice fruit, very sweet, but full of thorns. After taking off the thorns, it is good to rub it a little bit on your sleeve before you open it and eat it. Tuna also produce a very beautiful yellow flower.

The bushi, the funny round cactus that grows low to the ground, also has a very nice fruit; it is a bright, bright pink like the flowers and looks like a small pepper. It is a little tangy and has lots of vitamin C; I think it is best to eat right away, when you try to take them home, they dry up in your pocket. These are very hard to find, the birds and lizards love them too.

Just recently a trip in the cunucu made me very sad; I



found a very big, old cactus that had fallen and was dying. It probably had wood ants, (termites) and this year has been very, very dry, so it fell. Things will still live in it, lizards and such, and eat the insects that also live there, so it is part of the way of things, it will give life even as it dies.

I am much sadder when I see whole areas of cactus and trees, home to all sorts of birds and animals, die from the bulldozer. Those will never give back to the cunucu like this old cactus, which had seen its time. I think we must all think about this a lot more as Aruba keeps building and building; all the creatures that will die along with the cactus.

EDITOR-Madi Kock's stories of Aruba run in the THE MORNING NEWS every Monday. Her family has lived here for more than five generations, and she shares her love of the island



Bushi

and her knowledge of its lore, nature and traditions with her guests. Visitors can indulge in one of her very personal and limited seating tours by calling 749-7494 and arranging it with her daughter Madeline.

Enjoy!

57 ancient tombs with mummies unearthed in Egypt



Site where the tombs were unearthed

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) – Archaeologists have unearthed 57 ancient Egyptian tombs, most of which hold an ornately painted wooden sarcophagus with a mummy inside, Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities said yesterday.

The oldest tombs date back to around 2,750 B.C. during the period of Egypt's first and second dynasties, the council said in a statement. Twelve of the tombs belong the 18th dynasty which ruled Egypt during the second millennium B.C.

The discovery throws new light on Egypt's ancient religions, the council said.

Egypt's archaeology chief, Zahi Hawass, said the mummies dating to the 18th dynasty

are covered in linen decorated with religious texts from the Book of the Dead and scenes featuring ancient Egyptian deities.

Abdel Rahman El-Aydi, head of the archaeological mission that made the discovery, said some of the tombs are decorated

with religious texts that ancient Egyptians believed would help the deceased to cross through the underworld.

El-Aydi said one of the oldest tombs is almost completely intact, with all of its funerary equipment and a wooden sarcophagus containing a mummy wrapped in linen.

In 31 tombs dating to around 2030-1840 B.C, archaeologists discovered scenes of different ancient Egyptian deities, such as the falcon-headed Horus, Hathor, Khnum and Amun, decorating some of the tombs. The council said the findings were unearthed at Lahoun, in Fayoum, some 70 miles south of Cairo.

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Randall Croes and present day TOTT




The original pool deck which served as community pool

1949 witnessed the addition of twelve fully-equipped apartments to accommodate long-term visitors. As Nemy directed his attention more and more to his Palm Beach resort, The Strand suffered; in 1964 a Dutch immigrant named Ike Cohen, who worked as a

painter subcontracting to the refinery, recognized its potential and purchased it.

This marked the "Golden Era" of its popularity and fame. "Ike had knowledge and standards regarding the restaurant and service industry as Aruba had never seen before," asserts

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Strand Hotel, 1970

Randall. "He opened the Talk of the Town Restaurant, expanded the resort with another twenty-one rooms and created a training ground for the quality in service that has made Aruba's reputation. In a sense, the resort became the island's first hotel school, with the employees finally going on to the larger resorts in Palm Beach, but learning first from Ike and his high standards for culinary and service excellence. The restaurant achieved such fame its name eclipsed that of the resort, and everyone referred to it from then on as The Talk of the Town." The popularity of the restaurant prompted the construction of the Surfside complex along the water; the 1970's brought Aruba's first dis-

cothèque, Scorpio's, and the area was a center for island nightlife. "I remember the "Moonlight Grill," reports one islander. "I was in the restaurant business, and when we had all closed our doors, we would all go to relax and have a bite at the Moonlight Grill in the TOTT, as it was the only place that stayed open late at night, and they had wonderful food."

Ike increased the resort's capacity to its present sixty-three rooms in 1974, and renovated the lobby and restaurant. Eventually, as the Eagle and Palm Beach areas developed, his attention also turned to other interests such as the Manchebo Beach Hotel. He founded Calloway Catering, operating out of the TOTT kitchens, which provided the

meals for departing flights from Aruba. This was eventually moved to an expanded facility closer to the airport and Ike sold TOTT to a Dutch entrepreneur in 1994. A series of absentee owners followed and TOTT's fortunes and reputation waned.

In 2004, Ed Malone, former GM of the Americana Resort, who appreciated the historical and esthetic value of the resort, recruited Randall Croes to find investors who would share his vision of a renaissance for the neglected facility. Randall's story, along with that of the ten other families who considered restoring the TOTT to its glory days is the personal saga of a labor of love, and will be continued in THE MORNING NEWS in the near future.

Bugs and Fixes: Security Woes for Windows, McAfee, Firefox

The bugs keep marching in, with Microsoft, McAfee, and Mozilla all having to deal with serious security-related software problems in the past month.

Another Windows Fix

According to Microsoft, "two privately reported vulnerabilities in Windows Authentication...could allow remote code execution." In other words, an attacker could take control of your PC by exploiting either of those flaws. The intruder could gain administrator rights, with the ability to add, change, or delete practically any file.

Microsoft has issued an update that addresses the vulnerabilities by performing additional verification operations. This update is critical to all supported versions of Windows, including 98, XP, Vista, and 7, as well as Server 2003, 2008, 2008 R2, 2003, 2000, and 2000 Professional.

If you have automatic updates enabled (recommended), you'll get this update and others instantly. If you do not have automatic updating turned on, Microsoft suggests downloading critical updates manually; go to the Control Panel, click the Windows Update icon, and then select Check for Updates. You can learn more about this patch, and download it manually, at Microsoft TechNet.

McAfee Update Makes Windows PCs Crash

McAfee released an update in mid-April that unfortunately caused Windows PCs to fail spectacularly. The update improperly identified a Windows component known as svchost.exe as a virus, which caused

McAfee's software to delete it.

The error was so severe that 8000 of the 25,000 computers at the University of Michigan Health System and Medical School crashed, along with thousands of computers around the world.

Put simply, svchost.exe is a process that hosts other services used by various programs on your PC (read Microsoft's explanation for more-technical details). If you look in Windows Task Manager, you may see quite a few svchost.exe processes running (under "Image Name"), and as you can imagine, attacking all of them could be catastrophic for any system.

The problematic update mostly affected users running Windows XP Service Pack 3. If it affected you, pick up McAfee's SuperDAT Remediation Tool to restore svchost.exe.

Firefox Flaw Corrected

A hole in the Mozilla Firefox Web browser has blossomed into a major flaw. A week after releasing Firefox 3.6.2, Mozilla released version 3.6.3 to address a critical security issue that could allow remote attackers to run commands of their choice.

To fix the bug, download Firefox 3.6.3, or click Help, Check for Updates, Get the New Version in the Firefox toolbar. Mozilla says the bug does not affect versions 3.5 or earlier.

If you still want to obtain and use add-ons that are not compatible with version 3.6, don't worry: Mozilla says that it will issue a patch for Firefox 3.5 in an upcoming release in case another method of exploiting this security hole exists.

Toyota-Tesla deal adds spark to electric car industry

In a move that may provide a spark for the electric automobile industry, Toyota, the world's largest automaker, is teaming up with Tesla Motors Inc., the makers of the only highway-legal all-electric car in the United States.

The companies announced a deal this past weekend in which Tesla will buy a defunct Toyota plant in California where it will produce the model S, an electric sedan slated for 2012.

Toyota, meanwhile, will

buy \$50 million worth of Tesla stock, and the two companies announced that they will work together to develop new electric vehicle technologies and refine manufacturing methods.

In this symbiotic business deal, Tesla will likely benefit from direct knowledge of Toyota's economy of scale and links to a vast supplier base.

Toyota, for its part, might get a boost in its competition with other carmakers over the growing environmentally

friendly vehicle marketplace. Tesla's advanced lithium-ion batteries, for example, might steer the way for Toyota as the Japanese automaker looks to replace the older nickel-metal hydride units found in its hybrid Prius.

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Looks Sway Court Decisions



Although justice is supposed to be "blind," a new study finds that attractiveness influences conviction and sentence length.

Cornell University researchers found that unattractive defendants are 22 percent more likely to be convicted, and tend to get hit with longer, harsher sentences - with an average of 22 months longer in prison recommended by the study's participants.

The study identified two kinds of potential jurors: Those who reason emotionally and give harsher verdicts to unattractive defendants, and those who reason rationally and focus less on defen-

dants' looks.

One processes information based on facts, analysis and logic. The other reasons emotionally and may consider such legally irrelevant factors as a defendant's appearance, race, gender and class, and report that the less-attractive defendant appeared more like the "type of person" who would commit a crime.

"Our hypothesis going in was that jurors inclined to process information in a more emotional/intuitive manner would be more prone to make reasoning errors when rendering verdicts and recommending sentences. The results bore out our hypothesis on all measures," said lead researcher Justin Gunnell.

Participants - 169 Cornell University psychology undergraduates - took an online survey to determine the degree to which they processed information rationally or emotionally. They were then given a case study with a photograph of an actual defendant and his or her general profile. They read real jury instructions and listened to the cases' closing arguments.

While both groups convicted attractive defendants at similar rates and were less biased in the face of strong evidence or very serious offences, the jurors' reasoning style tended to play out

"in cases where the evidence is ambiguous and the charged offense is somewhat minor," Gunnell said.

Gunnell says the study could contribute to refinements in jury selection techniques. In cases where the evidence strongly favors one side, a lawyer might want to identify rational jurors. But in a case with an emotional tug, a defense attorney might try to screen out highly rational jurors.

"Every person is capable of reasoning via either system and likely uses each system to some degree depending on context," Gunnell said. "The degree to which one system predominates the other is a factor that varies, depending on the individual's natural preference and style."

iPad Shortages Reported as Demand Soars

If you don't have your iPad yet, get in line. A new seat-of-the-pants survey by the research firm Piper Jaffray finds that Apple's popular tablet computer is in short supply. The analysts called 50 Apple stores and found a "very limited" supply of iPads, Fortune magazine's web site reports. Specifically:

37 stores were sold out.

13 stores had only Wi-Fi models.

The popularity of the iPad is no secret. Apple sold 1 million iPads in the first month. An analyst at RBC Capital Markets says Apple is selling more than 200,000 iPads a week domestically, compared to 110,000 Macs per week. Other industry experts say the iPad is killing the whole netbook industry.

Ironically, iPad sales may even be hurting sales of the iPod.

HEALTH & LIVING

Get Gorgeous in the Shower

You probably think of your shower as nothing more than a series of items to check off your to-do list. Clean body? Check. Wash hair? Check. Shave legs?

Uh, maybe next time. Perhaps you should reconsider how you spend those 10 minutes under the spray each morning.

"Your shower is the perfect place to do the little extras that make your hair and skin look better, because the steam helps products penetrate so they're more effective," says Ranella Hirsch, MD, a dermatologist in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Whether you want to detox your skin and hair, hydrate from head to toe, look younger, or simply relax a bit, we have a step-by-step shower plan for you.

The calming shower

A shower can be way more relaxing than a bath: you don't have to wait 10 minutes to fill a tub, the water stays warm the whole time, and, best of all, "it feels like a light rain massage—so relaxing," says Stefanie Wilson, spa director at The Seagate Spa & Hotel in Delray Beach, Florida. Serenity is only a few steps away.

Calming shower steps

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- Turn on the water and



place an Aromatherapy Relaxing Shower Tablet at the bottom of the tub, then step in. As it dissolves and fills your shower with its soothing scent, quiet your mind with some deep breathing. Breathe in through your nose for a count of four, hold for two, then breathe out through your mouth for four.

- Rinse out the hair oil, then shampoo and condition as you normally would.

- Cleanse with a body wash with cocoa butter, a natural hydrator that allows you to skip your body lotion. (Fewer steps equals less stress!) Plus, the scent brings

to mind your last beach vacation.

The detoxifying shower

Wash away the residue that naturally accumulates on skin and hair with this shower. Pollution and dirt can clog pores and coat hair, making everything look drab. Here's how to get a fresh start.

- Before you shower, wet a natural-fiber washcloth. Stroke it all over your dry skin, working from the spots farthest away from your heart (feet, hands) toward the center of your body. It's a great technique for exfoliating away dead skin cells, and the

stroking motion boosts circulation to your skin so it has a nice glow.

- Create a steam room before showering. Turn the dial to hot (perspiration helps clarify skin, Dr. Hirsch says), then turn water temperature to warm and step in. (If your skin is superdry, skip this steamy-bathroom step.)

- Cleanse with a body wash that contains stimulating rosemary and lavender essential oils, which helps de-clog pores.

- Wash your hair with a clarifying shampoo, to eliminate styling-product buildup. Then apply conditioner as you normally would. Finish with a cool-water rinse, which makes the cuticle of your hair lie flat so strands look even shinier.

- While your skin is still damp, smooth on a body oil that has myrtle and juniper oils, natural astringents with an invigorating effect.

The hydrating shower

When your hair is the texture of a wool sweater—and your skin feels as itchy as if you're wearing one—your regular conditioner and body lotion aren't going to cut it. Add back moisture with these steps.

- Turn up the heat in the bathroom so you can turn down the water temperature; it should be just warm enough to keep you from getting chilled. "Hot water can dry out skin and hair," Dr. Hirsch says.

- Wash your hair with a moisturizing shampoo, then

apply a hydrating hair mask. Leave on five minutes so ingredients can penetrate.

- While your strands are sucking up moisture, cleanse with a soap that has rich shea butter or nut oils.

- Finish your shower by rinsing off the mask, then apply a hydrating product to seal in moisture. Some body creams turn milky on wet skin, so opt for a fast-absorbing oil.

The age-defying shower

Have a drawerful of anti-aging products but no time to use them? Multitask by doing an antiaging routine right in the shower. Look even younger with this plan.

- Start your shower by getting your hair in great shape. Shampoo, then apply a hair mask with strengthening panthenol and shine enhancers like dimethicone. Leave on for five minutes, then rinse.

- Exfoliating your body is an instant antiager because it softens skin and makes it look less dull. Squeeze a shower gel with microbeads onto a loofah, then slough away rough spots by cleansing your body using circular motions.

- Next, soften fine lines by cleansing your face with a gentle micordermabrasion scrub.

- While your skin is still damp, smooth on a body lotion that contains alpha hydroxy acid, which speeds skin-cell renewal so your skin looks less dull.

Breast Milk Does DNA Good

A newborn gulping breast milk may be doing his or her genes good, researchers say.

Breast milk, but not formula, may improve the functioning of a baby's genes in a way that protects the infant from illness, according to a new study published in the May issue of the American Journal of Physiology, Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology.

Scientists have long reported that breast is best. Breast milk-fed babies have stronger immune systems, fewer allergies and may be more resistant to chronic diseases, such as asthma, digestive disorders, and perhaps diabetes (Types I and II) and obesity.

And we now have our first clues why.

Researchers have shown that an infant's first food affects his or her gene expres-

sion, giving a possible mechanism for how breast milk impacts health.

"Genes are really sensitive to nutrition," said study researcher Sharon Donovan of the University of Illinois. "And we now have genes that may explain many of the clinical observations of how breast-fed and formula-fed infants differ."

Breast milk and formula have different effects on at least 146 genes, the researchers found.

Most of the genes enhanced by breast milk promote quick development of the intestine and immune system, Donovan said.

"At birth, the poor baby comes out of a nice protected environment, where everything is taken care of," Donovan said, into a world

teeming with bacteria and where nutrition must be obtained from a rookie intestine. The faster the baby's digestion tract and immune system get up to speed, the healthier the child.

Some of the genes positively affected by breast milk protect against "leaky gut," a disorder in which foreign particles enter the bloodstream through the intestinal wall, Donovan said. Leaky gut is thought to increase the risk of allergies and inflammatory diseases, such as asthma, colitis and Crohn's disease - all of which may have higher rates among formula-fed babies, previous research has suggested.

Breast milk and formula likely affect gene expression in one of two ways, Donovan said. They could change the factors responsible for decod-

ing DNA into its active forms. Or they could have an epigenetic effect, where the DNA spiral is refolded, making certain genes more or less available for use.

The latter (epigenetics) is usually, but not always, permanent and, if this is the mechanism used, it might explain why breast milk can have life-long health benefits.



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Jack honored as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba



Recently, Jack Spak from Allison Park, Pennsylvania, was honored as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. The honor was bestowed on him for his 10th consecutive years vacationing here. Jack has visited different vacation destinations around the world and considers Aruba No.1. He comments that Aruba is his second home and the reason for coming back every year is the friendly hospitable people, and the safety of our island. Along the years he brought several family members and friend for them to get acquainted with 'Paradise Aruba.' Aruba Tourism Authority associate Rayon koolman presented him a beautiful certificate as a 'thank you gesture for his loyalty to Aruba. Photo shows Jack proudly showing off his certificate, accompanied by friends.

"Converging Styles" opens at the Westin Art Gallery



Silk painting by Rosalie Klein



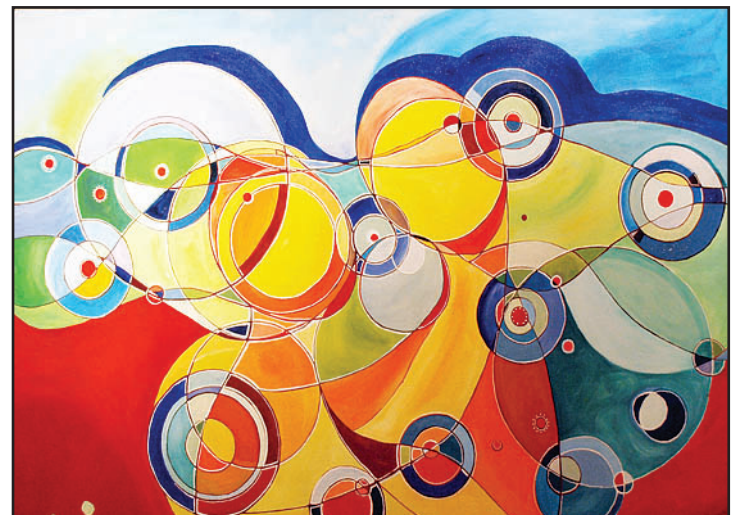
Wine bottle by Francis Escalona

The advent of the 6th Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival at the Westin Aruba Resort beginning June 3 promises enjoyment for all those attending. One of those is the appreciation not only of the culinary arts, but the visual. On Saturday evening, May 22, The Westin Gallery unveiled a preview of the collection by local artists that will be offered for auction on the final evening of the festival, and the title, "Converging Styles" is quite appropriate for this diverse exhibition by 27 artists.

A wide range of mediums and techniques mark this show, and among the acrylic and oil paintings are stunning pieces by visiting Dutch glass artist Jan-Hein van Stiphout, and the beautiful glass jewelry by Miriam Abath of Terrafuse. Fellow artist Elisa Lejuez, who is participating with her mixed media, was the first to purchase one of these unique pieces, which proved extremely popular last year.

This year, artists were not limited in their work to the subject matter of the festival, and gallery curators Jan van der Straten and his wife, Eefje, a participating artist, have done a masterful job of grouping the widely varied colors and compositions of the pieces in an arrangement that proves very intriguing. All artists were required to also submit wine bottles that have been transformed by their imagination and creativity, and some are quite original and striking, such as Eefje's creation. Other artists, Ro Heilbron, Eliza and Francis Escalona, for example, have also gone beyond painting the bottles to provide finely crafted boxes to hold them or unusual display techniques.

The works of Harold Bronswinkel, Mo Mohamed, Douwe van Twillert, Marianne Beijderwellen, Stan Kuiperi, Lara



Miriam de L'Isle



Glass flowers by Marian Abath

Kuiperi, Irene Peterson, Elvis Tromp, Rosalie Klein, Marco van Esdonk, Joannah Innemee, Anjo Rotteveel, Joe Miklojcik, Frank Croes, Miriam de L'Isle, Edmond Tweehut, Belinda de Veer, Annemiek van Vliet, Grace Ashruf Rahusen, Evelino Fingal and Jeanne Ecury can be seen in the gallery, next to the concierge desk in the main lobby, 24/7. Dispersed among the varied paintings are some compelling computer graphics, photography and silk painting.

Westin Resort Marketing Director Pat Donovan officially opened the show along with Irina Zandaam of Aruba's Department of Culture. The present show was described as an

"appetizer" for what is to come. Mr. Donovan expressed how gratifying it is for the Westin to sponsor local artists and provide this insight into island culture for their guests.

All the art is for sale; the show will continue through the final night of the Wine, Food & Art Festival, Saturday, June 5. A number of artists will be providing additional work for the festival's official show and "open house" party on Friday, June 4, showcasing the Westin culinary staff and local wine purveyors providing over 60 vintages for unlimited sampling. A full schedule of festival events can be found on the aruba.com events page.

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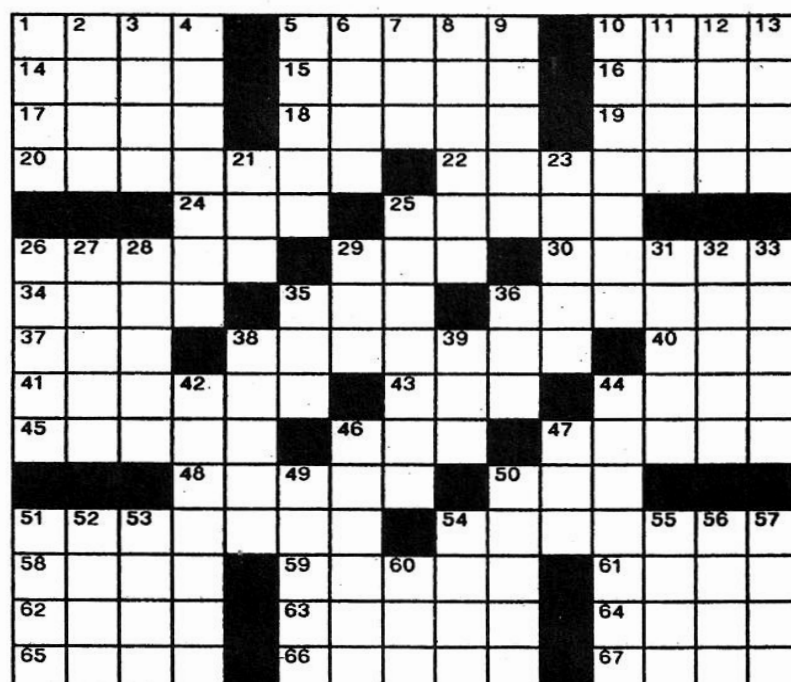
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New financial rules might not prevent next crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)— The most sweeping changes to financial rules since the Great Depression might not prevent another crisis.

Experts say the financial regulatory bill approved by the Senate last week, and a similar bill that passed the House, include loopholes and gaps that weaken their impact. Many provisions depend on the effectiveness of regulatory agencies — the same agencies that failed to foresee the last crisis.

A big reason for the bill's limitations is that banks and industry groups lobbied against rules they felt would reduce their profit-making ability.

The financial sector's influ-

ence in Washington reflects its enormous donations and lobbying. Over the past two decades, it's given \$2.3 billion to federal candidates. It's outdone every other industry in lobbying since 1998, having spent \$3.8 billion.

The problem:

Banks used these investments to make speculative bets that helped inflate the housing market. Once home values crashed, these derivatives and related side bets magnified the financial crisis.

The value of a derivative depends on the price of an underlying investment. Examples include corn futures, stock options and mortgages.

The solution: The legislation would, among other things, require that many derivatives be traded on exchanges, as stocks are, so they are visible to regulators.

Why it might not work:

Business groups led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable lobbied successfully to dilute the rules.

They argued that exchange-trading would make it too costly for companies other than banks to use derivatives.

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In a recent tip, I gave you an example of a bank who hired me to consult for them.

Even though the loan officers had a 96% closing rate on getting appointments, I still had to devise something that created their Unique Selling Proposition.

After many hours, and I do mean many hours of contemplating this, I finally had the answer.

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Well, I did a similar card for the bank's loan officers.

On the back of the bank's business card it says, "In the business of friendly and superior banking services and quarterly seminars to help you get more customers and grow your business."

Wow!

What Bank does that for its customers?

But then I had another problem. How are they going to do that on a quarterly basis?

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But, to make it more effective, I had them send the invitations to the client with two tickets, stating that the second ticket was to be used to bring a non-customer as a guest to the seminar.

When the non-customer guests arrived at the seminar, guess what thoughts went through their minds?

"My Bank doesn't do this for me. I should look into switching my banking to this bank."

Great!

If you sell business-to-business, or do seminars on a Host-Beneficiary basis, you can use these two items I mentioned.

You can purchase my book on a volume discount, and use the Teachers and Student Manuals, to glue your customers to your company, so that they will never think of leaving you for the competition.

You can probably think of other ways to accomplish this.

However, using my book and manuals will make the process much easier and quicker.

We also developed a direct mail piece to send out to the businesses who weren't the bank's customers yet.

I've also done the same process above with insurance agencies, where the agencies created their business cards the same way, and did the quarterly seminars for their business customers.

Some of them have reported a 100% increase in their business as a result of using this system.

So think of ways that you might capitalize on this concept.

The whole idea is to use direct mail to open the door, so that you can tell your story about how the prospect can benefit from your product or service.

But do it in an unusual way...a way that no one else is currently using.

In the next tip, I'm going to go over the other ways in which I generated new customers for this bank, and the many other ways that the system has helped the bank grow.

I will write a short version of the letters I used to bring in new customers who have recently moved into the neighborhood, parents of newborns, and senior citizens.

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As Europe falters, China balks at revaluing yuan

SHANGHAI, China — After nearly two years of keeping its currency stable against the U.S. dollar to help exporters weather the global financial crisis, hopes had revived overseas that Beijing might relax the dollar peg soon. But as the European debt crisis deepens, China is signaling it will hold back on any changes — a stance likely to complicate high level talks this week with the U.S.

The latest, most authoritative comment on that came from Commerce Minister Chen Deming, who told reporters while visiting Austria last week that Beijing intends to keep the yuan stable. Meanwhile, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner confirmed that the

contentious currency issue is bound to be on next week's agenda.

"I think it is, of course, China's decision about what to do with the exchange rate — they're a sovereign country," Geithner said. "But I think it's enormously in their interest to move, over time, to let the exchange rate reflect market forces, and I'm confident that they will do what's in their interest," he said while visiting Boeing and other exporters in Washington state.

China reported a \$196 billion global trade surplus last year, adding to pressure to tilt its economy toward greater reliance on domestic demand.

With the Greek debt crisis has come a weaker euro, and a

relatively stronger dollar-pegged yuan, "which should reduce the volume of complaints from Brussels on Beijing's exchange rate policy," says Tom Orlik, an analyst in Beijing for Stone & McCarthy Research Associates.

Even if the euro's drop to near four-year lows against the dollar alleviates pressure from European trading partners, President Barack Obama has vowed to take a tougher line with Beijing over its controls on the yuan as the U.S. heads toward crucial mid-term elections.

Opinions vary, but economists say that depending on how it is measured the yuan is undervalued by up to 40 percent against the dollar.

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Loyal guests honored at Tamarijn Beach Resort



Recently, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Jean Adams were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. They have been visiting the island for 10 consecutive years and along they years they brought several family members and friends with them.

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Aruba Tourism Authority associate Mandy Lopez, in name of the government and the people of Aruba, handed them handsome certificates thanking them for their love for Aruba.

Photo shows the Adams showing off their certificates, flanked by Mandy Lopez and Tamarijn Beach Resort associates.

Learning a new language? Try Globish

NEW YORK CITY – From Barack Obama's simple "Yes We Can" presidential campaign slogan to countless Chinese people sending text messages using English letters, "Globish" is fast becoming the dominant language of this century.

So says British author Robert McCrum in his new book "Globish: How the English Language Became the World's Language," which expounds on the mishmash of English and other tongues that connects people from Beijing to New York.

McCrumb takes the term Globish from Jean-Paul Nerriere, who coined the word in 1995 and has written books on the blunt new form of English that uses about 1,500 words, employs short sentences with simple syntax devoid of idioms and uses lots of gesticulations to make up for the lack of nuanced language.

"In the 19th century you had

British English, which was international, in the 20th century, American English became the lingua franca. Now there is a third phase in the 21st century -- the Globish century."

In Globish you say "strange," not eerie, and avoid all jokes, humor and colorful expressions likely to be misunderstood. It is a constantly evolving patois that develops from practical use and includes words and sounds from other languages.

People who seek an understanding of Globish need look no further than President Barack Obama, how he was raised and how the language he uses transcends borders.

"He is a classic case; raised (by a mother from) Kansas, lives in Hawaii and Indonesia and of Kenyan stock. And when he speaks ... it requires very little adaptation to make it universally intelligible," he said. "His slogan 'Yes We Can' works anywhere in the world."

Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival is on May 26 to 31

The 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival will fly into Aruba May 26-31, 2010 for the most electrifying music festival event of the year. The 2010 Soul Beach Music Festival kicks-off Memorial Day Weekend, on Aruba's sun-kissed paradise, with five-days of power-packed events.

This year, the line up features Mary J. Blige, Toni Braxton, Joe Thomas, Raheem DeVaughn, Chris Spencer, and Kevin Hart.

Following a short biography of Chris Spencer

It's hard to keep a straight face when talking to Chris Spencer. Extremely talented and hilarious, this quick-witted funnyman began his stint in the entertainment industry at the age of 6 as a star in a national television commercial for Mattel's Tuff Stuff Toys. Today, his resume ranges across several sectors of the industry, with more than 30 television commercials, nine feature films, several television show appearances, a published book and numerous nationwide comedy tours.

If he looks familiar its probably because you may have seen his work. TV credits include America's Top Model, ER, Soul Food, Charmed, and The Jamie Foxx Show. He has also been a frequent guest on Hollywood Squares. His film credits include Black Dynamite, Slumdog Virgin, 2 Can Play That Game, Sin, All About You, The Sixth Man and Don't Be A Menace To South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood. Chris has a strong backbone in the comedy industry with 15 years of experience as a stand-up comic. He has performed on Jimmy Kimmel Live, Def Jam Comedy Show, Monique's Big Black Comedy Show, BET's Comic View and Showtime's 'Lafapalooza to name a few. He has also toured with the likes of Dave Chapelle, Damon Wa-



Chris Spencer

yans and Jeff Foxworthy.

Additionally, Chris is currently one of the hottest comedic writers/producers in Hollywood. VH1, Comedy Central and HBO have all used his talents to springboard many of their latest projects. Comedic talents such as Will Smith, Jamie Foxx, P Diddy and Cedric the Entertainer all call on his comedic talents when it's time to rewrite their act, special or television/film script. Chris was also the head writer of MTV's Wildn' Out with Nick Cannon. He also published the best seller, 150 Ways To Tell If You're Ghetto. Notable writer/producer projects also include 2008 Larry the Cable Guy Christmas Special, Lafapalooza Comedy Show, TV One's Black Men Revealed, American Black Film Festival, MTV Awards, Black Movie Awards, The ESPY Awards, the MTV Video Music Awards and comedy specials; "Jamie Foxx Un-

leashed - Lost, Stolen and Leaked!" and "Jamie Foxx: I Might Need Security."

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HELSINKI, Finland – Is your favourite teddy bear or stuffed animal worn down by the daily grind and desperately in need of a vacation?

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The "Standard Journey" for teddies includes a trip around the northern town of Rova-

niemi and is capped off with a visit to Santa Claus. The stuffed animal will also receive a gift, send a postcard to its owner and be sent home with holiday photos.

The "Luxury Journey" includes, on top of the standard journey package, a trip to a reindeer farm where the bear can feed Santa's reindeer.

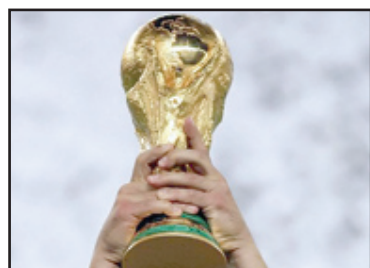
"This is followed by a snowmobile safari. On safari, Teddy will try ice fishing on the frozen waterway and savour hot chocolate by the

campfire," the firm said on its Web site, adding the whole trip will also be recorded on videotape.

Teddy Tours Lapland will also provide the bear, should you not want to send your own abroad or don't own one yet.

Currently the company only offers trips during the winter, but it is also planning summer programmes as well.

"People or living pets may not participate on these trips," the firm said on its Web site.



Rio Ferdinand Relishing England Captaincy



(AP)-England captain Rio Ferdinand is fully aware of what it means to lead his country and is determined to keep his feet on the ground as World Cup fever heats up.

The Manchester United man benefited from the indiscretions of John Terry, who was axed by coach Fabio Capello in a 12-minute meeting earlier this year, and will, if fit, lead his country on football's greatest stage this summer.

The captain must carry not

only the hopes of a nation, but also the spirit of his team, and Ferdinand was keen to impress that he fully appreciates the importance of his duties.

"Being captain is a fantastic honour and a responsibility that I warm to," he said.

"But it is not something that is going to change me - I will conduct myself in exactly the same way.

"Even before I was made captain, the younger players knew I was an easy-going

guy who they can approach which, in a way, is more important than being captain.

"When you have been to tournaments, you are more capable of being the kind of person that a younger player might need to speak to."

This experience should help the defender to avoid the pitfalls of previous campaigns, including the tendency of optimism to turn into overconfidence as the hype builds.

"There is a confidence," added Ferdinand. "But maybe we have been a bit naive in the past and got ourselves caught up in all the emotion that surrounds our country going to a massive tournament.

"People say we are going to win it, but we have respect for the other nations as well."

One ordeal to go through before the competition begins is the selection of Capello's final 23-man squad for South Africa - a cull that can be traumatic for those sent home, as England's captain knows all too well.

"I was left out of Euro 2000 by Kevin Keegan and was devastated," said Ferdinand, who will no doubt have warm and encouraging words for those who miss one of football's cruellest cuts.

"When I look back though it was a blessing in disguise.

"It made me re-evaluate myself and the way I treated football.

"I probably did not give the game the respect it deserved - after that experience I became a better professional, so I should thank Kevin Keegan for that.

"You can't let it kill you, or finish you confidence-wise.

"You have to turn it into a positive."

Portugal Captain Cristiano Ronaldo Confident Of Going Far In South Africa



Real star says he's in great form going into the finals..

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo has declared his side faces the toughest group at the forthcoming World Cup finals in South Africa, but he is confident they have what it takes to progress beyond the first round of the competition and possibly into the latter stages.

The Real Madrid star has identified Portugal's opener against Ivory Coast on June 15 as a massive game and one where a win can put them in a strong position with the rest of the tournament in mind.

"I believe that the group that fell to Portugal is the most difficult. The first match with Ivory Coast, will be crucial. We have to win it because it's important to start with a win, but I have no doubt that we have chances to progress. It will not be easy, I repeat, but we can overcome the group stage," he told AS.

Ronaldo also said that Spain have to be considered favourites but added that he has no fears about playing the European champions in the knockout stages of the competition.

"We must respect Spain, it's enough to say that they are one of my favourites. In addition to Spain, I think Brazil, England, Argentina and Germany are the leading candidates.

"Playing Spain would mean we passed through the group stage, therefore, of course I would [like to play them]. It would be a one off game and then anything can happen. But the first obstacle is the Ivory Coast. If we win that game, we would have a 50 per cent chance of getting into the next phase."

Ronaldo added that his intention is to give his best in the tournament and noted that his side have an outside chance of going all the way in South Africa.

"We've never won it and that's why we are not favourites, but favourites do not always win. I will be in South Africa with that mentality. Of course I want to be at my best and have a great competition," he remarked.

"I will try to give the best of me, as I always do, both in Madrid and in the national team. I'm in a great form but I don't do miracles. The important thing is not me, if the team is fine, we can go far and that is the mentality we will have at the World Cup."

US defense is injury central

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) -- Injuries are one thing the U.S. central defense has in common as the team prepares for the World Cup. How well Oguchi Onyewu, Jay DeMerit and Carlos Bocanegra overcome them will be key to the Americans' chances in South Africa.

Bocanegra, the team captain, had sports hernia surgery May 5 in Germany. DeMerit also has been battling an abdominal strain. Onyewu comes off a major left knee injury last October and hasn't been in a game since.

The coaching staff, and the players themselves, are eager to see what level of game fitness each is at as the United States plays warmups against Czech Republic on Tuesday and Turkey on Saturday before heading to South Africa.



Visitors walk by a Ferris wheel at the Gold Reef Theme Park in Johannesburg, South Africa. Africa's greatest theme park was created around an authentic 19th century Gold mine. This mine once kept the world record for the amount of gold recovered as well as the shaft sinking record in 1916. South Africa will host the FIFA WC2010 from the 11 of June to the 11 of July, 2010.

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Group B

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Korea Republic
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Super Bowl a good bet for Broadway

From the looks of things, the NFL's vote on Tuesday to determine the site of the Super Bowl in 2014 is a mere formality. The game will never be bigger than it can be on Broadway, and all indications are the big game will be awarded to New York with the Giants and Jets opening up a shiny new football palace this season in the Meadowlands.

As Gary Myers of the New York Daily News reports, support for the Big Apple is strong and he called it the "overwhelming favorite" over South Florida and Tampa to land Super Bowl XLVIII.

Consider that influential New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft is strongly behind the movement to put the game in New York.

"Doing it in New York is the right thing for a lot of reasons," Kraft told Myers. "I've been going to Patriots game for 50 years up here. I personally believe all football should be played outdoors. Our league was founded on winter football with the Ice Bowl. Our sport is about resilience, mental toughness, adjustments. I think it will be

a great experience for the fans. A memorable experience."

The theme being pitched by New York is that some of the most historic games in league history have been played in frigid environments. The Ice Bowl between the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers stands as one of the most memorable games ever. The Giants and Packers played an exciting NFC title game in snowy conditions at Lambeau Field three seasons ago.

Myers points out that the last time the game was in Miami a driving rain storm soaked fans during Super Bowl XLI. The league wants more than \$200 million in improvements made to Sun-Life Stadium before it will get another Super Bowl and there are no indications that will happen. Tampa has already had the Super Bowl four times. Then, there is the 9/11 element to playing the game in New York, even if it will be more than 12 years after the terrorist attacks.

"We are with you (New York)," Kraft said. "All of America is with you. This would be good for the coun-

try. It's good for America. It's good for the NFL. It says, "Whatever challenges, we are resilient people. We're back and we're doing things."

Sounds like a slam dunk for the folks of New York, who could get an estimated \$550 million boost to the economy.

Boston whips Orlando Magic to put team on verge of NBA finals



Magic's Jameer Nelson sit on the bench dejected late in the fourth quarter against the Boston Celtics

BOSTON - The Boston Celtics moved a win away from their second NBA finals trip in three years, and the defending Eastern Conference champions barely put up a fight.

Glen "Big Baby" Davis scored 17 points and Rajon Rondo added 11 points and 12 assists on Saturday night to lead the Celtics to a 94-71 victory over the Orlando Magic and a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven East finals.

No NBA team has lost a playoff series after winning the first three games.

The Magic have to win Game 4 on Monday night to avoid a sweep and force the series back to Orlando. They'll need a better effort than in Game 3, when they fell behind early for the third straight game. This time, they didn't even mount a late charge to make it close.

CONFERENCE FINALS



WESTERN CONF.

ORLANDO VS. BOSTON

BOSTON 92, ORLANDO 88 (BOSTON LEADS 1-0)

BOSTON 95, ORLANDO 92 (BOSTON LEADS 2-0)

Orlando 71, Boston 94 (Boston leads 3-0)

Mon. May 24: Orlando @ Boston

x-Wed. May 26: Boston at Orlando

x-Fri. May 28: Orlando @ Boston

x-Sun. May 30: Boston @ Orlando

EASTERN CONF.

L.A. LAKERS VS. PHOENIX

L.A. LAKERS 128, PHOENIX 107 (LAKERS LEAD 1-0)

L.A. Lakers 124, Phoenix 112 (LA leads series 2-0)

Sun. May 23: L.A. Lakers @ Phoenix

Tues. May 25: L.A. Lakers @ Phoenix

x-Thur. May 27: Phoenix @ L.A. Lakers

x-Sat. May 29: L.A. Lakers @ Phoenix

x-Mon. May 31: Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

Venus Williams easily wins opener at French Open

PARIS — (AP)—Whistles and whispers circulated through the stands at Court Suzanne Lenglen on Sunday, a reaction brought about not by Venus Williams' play at the French Open, but rather by her outfit.

With a lacy, black overlay giving it the illusion of being see-through, and bright red trim on the bodice, Williams' corset-like get-up made her look as if she were ready to perform in a 19th century Parisian cancan chorus line. Her game, a mix of power and niftier-than-usual footwork on this day, was very 21st century, and befitting a star of the show.

The red clay of Roland Garros never has been Williams' best stage — her seven Grand Slam titles all came at Wimbledon or the U.S. Open. At this year's French Open, she is assured of at least one more performance, thanks to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over former top-10 player Patty Schnyder of Switzerland in the first round.

Williams explained that her look was "about illusion," which, she noted, is "a lot of my motif this year" when it comes to clothes design. She also said she might not wear that particular dress again on court. Then again, perhaps she will. She's not sure. Either way, Williams comes to a tournament with eight to 10 outfits, just in case the victories keep coming.

And she plans a lengthy



stay in Paris this time around, perhaps capped by a title.

"I always — goes without saying — believe I can win," said Williams, whose biggest hitches Sunday were eight double-faults.

Williams lost in the third round at each of the past three French Opens and only once has been beyond the quarterfinals in 13 previous trips: She lost to younger sister Serena in the 2002 final. Still, Venus' hitting partner, David Witt, said after Sunday's victory: "If she goes out there and is smart and plays smart tennis, I think she can win the tournament."

There are others who will have some say in that, of course, including defending champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, who also won in straight sets Sunday, and the top-ranked Serena, whose first-round match is Monday.

Venus is back at No. 2 in the rankings for the first time since May 2003, and was not shy about saying she wants to bump her sister off the top spot.

"It feels good to be moving up the ranks. Obviously, when you get to 2, of course, the next dream is 1," Venus said.

Only one seeded man departed. No. 23 Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, who upset Roger Federer at Rome this month, stopped because of a right thigh injury while trailing Julien Benneteau of France 6-4, 6-2, 1-0.

Two seeded women left: No. 10 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, a quarterfinalist a year ago, lost to Gisela Dulko of Argentina 6-1, 6-2, and No. 20 Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain lost to Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan 6-2, 6-4.

Winners included 2009 runner-up Robin Soderling, who stunned four-time champion Rafael Nadal in the fourth round last year; No. 8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 10 Marin Cilic and No. 11 Mikhail Youzhny. Soderling won the first nine games and took 49 of 58 points on his serve en route to eliminating French wild card Laurent Recouderc 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Joining Kuznetsova in the women's second round were No. 15 Aravane Rezai, No. 19 Nadia Petrova, No. 26 Dominika Cibulkova and No. 30 Maria Kirilenko.

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Jose Lima, former major league pitcher, dies at 37



LOS ANGELES — Jose Lima, the energetic All-Star right-hander who was a 21-game winner and dubbed his outings on and off the mound as "Lima Time," died Sunday, the Los Angeles Dodgers said. He was 37.

Lima, who won 13 games with the Dodgers in 2004, died of an apparent heart attack, according to the Aguila Cibaenas, a winter ball team that Lima had played for in the Dominican Republic.

"Lima was an exceptional man. This is a great loss for Dominican baseball and the country," team president Winston Llenas said.

Lima posted his best season in 1999 when he was selected to the All-Star game as a Houston Astro. He went 21-10 in 35 starts with a 3.58 ERA for the NL Central

champions.

"It saddened me greatly to hear of Jose's passing," Astros owner Drayton McLane said. "He was truly a gifted person both on the field and off of it. He could dance, he could sing, but his best gift of all was that he was an extremely happy person. He just lit up our clubhouse with his personality, which was his greatest asset. Jose was not shortchanged in life in any way. He lived life to the fullest every day."

Lima spent the majority of his career in Houston, with a 46-42 record from 1997-2001.

"He was an animated guy and a fierce competitor and he got people excited," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "It's just so sad when you lose one of your peers."

Lima revived his career several times, bouncing between the independent league and the minors, and in 13 major league seasons, the native of the Dominican Republic was 89-102 with a 5.26 ERA. He hadn't pitched in the major leagues since a four-game stint with the New York Mets in 2006.

France, Petty first members inducted into Hall

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. and seven-time series champion Richard Petty have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

France, who began as a promoter of beach racing in Daytona Beach, Fla., formed NASCAR in 1949 to create a governing body for American auto racing. Regarded as one of the most influential figures in motorsports, he ruled NASCAR from its first race in 1949 through his 1972 retirement.

"No one, and I mean no one, deserves to be in the Hall of Fame more than Bill France Sr.," said John Cassidy, NASCAR's longtime legal counsel, who used a



Brian France (R) and Lesa France Kennedy pose next their father, Bill France Sr. placard

story of their first meeting in Washington, D.C., to induct France.

"He explained to me that NASCAR was created to bring order to the sport. He emphasized to me that there would come a day when NASCAR and stock car racing and the NASCAR tradition would become a nationally recognized professional sport. I witnessed firsthand the growth ... to a level of acceptance that goes well beyond Bill Sr.'s wildest dreams."

France's acceptance speech was made by his son, Jim, who said his father would be proud of NASCAR and "he would



Richard Petty at the Inaugural Induction Ceremony at the NASCAR Hall of Fame

be proud of this Hall of Fame." Jim France then donated his father's induction ring back to the Hall of Fame for display in the \$195 million facility that opened May 11.

Petty, known as "The King," was the second inductee of the five-member class to be inducted. Clad in his trademark cowboy hat and dark black sunglasses, he was inducted by his son, Kyle, who called him "the biggest fan of the sport who ever lived."

The King deflected attention to his accomplishments in his speech, preferring to praise his parents, his family, the Franceses, his team, media and fans.

"I never did anything by myself," said Petty, NASCAR's all-time winningest driver with 200 victories, who closed with "I guess I'm going to be like Gomer Pyle. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

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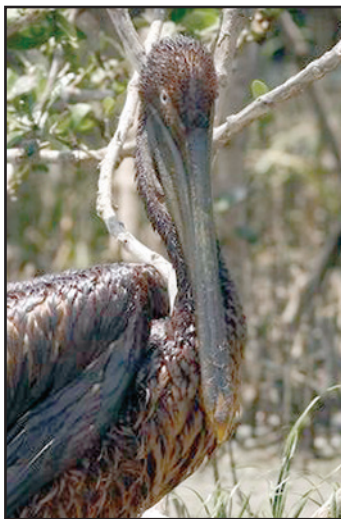
As spill grows, oil soaks delicate marshes, birds

BARATARIA BAY, La. (AP)—As officials approached to survey the damage the Gulf oil spill caused in coastal marshes, some brown pelicans couldn't fly away Sunday. All they could do was hobble.

Several pelicans were coated in oil on Barataria Bay off Louisiana, their usually brown and white feathers now jet black. Pelican eggs were glazed with rust-colored gunk, and new hatchlings and nests were also coated with crude.

It is unclear if the area can even be cleaned. It is also unknown how much of the Gulf Coast will end up looking the same way because of a well that has spewed untold millions of gallons of oil since an offshore rig exploded more than a month ago.

A mile-long tube operating for about a week has siphoned



off more than half a million gallons in the past week, but it began sucking up oil at a slower rate over the weekend. Even at its best the effort did not capture all the oil leaking, and the next attempt to stanch the flow won't be put into ac-

tion until at least Tuesday.

With oil pushing at least 12 miles into Louisiana's marshes and two major pelican rookeries now coated in crude, state officials said they are taking part of the response to the Gulf of Mexico spill into their own hands.

Gov. Bobby Jindal, standing on a boat at the edge of one of the nesting grounds, said Louisiana is no longer waiting for the federal government to sign off on a plan for a makeshift chain of sand berms that would skirt the state's coastline.

Jindal and officials from several coastal parishes say the berms would close the door on oil still pouring from a mile-deep gusher about 50 miles out in the Gulf. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is studying the environmental impact of the proposal and has yet to give its approval.

"We are not waiting for them. We are going to build it," Jindal said.

Jindal said the state has already identified and started initial work on 40 sites for the berms, but will keep pushing for federal approval, which would free up Corps-controlled dredges for the operation. A single state-owned dredge was activated for the effort Friday.

At least 6 million gallons of crude have spewed into the Gulf, though some scientists have said they believe the spill already surpasses the 11 million-gallon 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill off Alaska as the worst in U.S. history.

In Barataria Bay, orange oil had made its way a good six inches onto the shore, coating grasses and the nests of brown pelicans in mangrove trees. Just six months ago, the birds had been removed from the federal endangered species list.

The pelicans struggled to clean the crude from their bodies, splashing in the water and preening themselves. One stood at the edge of the island with its wings lifted slightly, its head drooping — so encrusted in oil it couldn't fly.

Thai film 'Boonmee' wins top honor at Cannes fest



Juliette Binoche

CANNES, France — The hypnotic Thai film "Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives" won the top honor at the Cannes Film Festival on Sunday, while Academy Award winners Juliette Binoche and Javier Bardem earned acting honors.

"Uncle Boonmee," directed by Apichatpong Weerasethakul, traces the dreamlike final days of a man dying of kidney failure as the ghost of his dead wife returns to tend him and his long-lost son comes home in the form of a furry jungle spirit.

"I would like to thank my mother and my father, who 30 years ago, they took me to a little cinema in our little town, and I was so young and didn't know what it was on the screen," said Weerasethakul, who previously won the third-place jury prize at Cannes with his 2004 film "Tropical Malady." "I didn't know the concept of cinema. With this award, I think I know a little more what cinema is, but it still remains a mystery. I think this mystery keeps us coming back here and to share our



Javier Bardem

world." Binoche, an Oscar winner for "The English Patient," won best actress for the cryptic love story "Certified Copy," directed by past Palme d'Or winner Abbas Kiarostami.

During her speech, Binoche pleaded for the release of Kiarostami's countryman, detained Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi — who had been asked to be on this year's nine-member jury.

"I hope he will be here himself next year," Binoche said, as she clutched a nameplate emblazoned with the director's name. "It's hard to be an artist and an intellectual, and the country needs you."

Bardem, an Oscar winner for "No Country for Old Men," shared the Cannes best-actor prize, earning his honor for Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Biutiful," a grim portrait of a dying father supporting his family with a variety of criminal rackets in Barcelona.



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